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Citations BA-BD were cited in an International Search Report from a foreign patent office, issued in PCT/JP2004/004176, which refers to the relevant portions of the references.

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